

USSN 09/769,405
Art unit 3679
Examiner J.R. Schiffman

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

1/ And + A w/long con
2.0
8-28-a

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A. 20231

Official

Response to Official Action

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/769,405
Applicant: Arthur W. Lauder
Title: Rod Coupling
Filed: January 26, 2001
Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: J.R. Schiffman
Attorney Docket No.: 143-3

FAX RECEIVED

AUG 28 2002

GROUP 3600

This is in response to the official action dated May 29, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel pages ~~2~~ and ~~3~~ of record and replace with enclosed pages 2 and 3.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant encloses a revised figure. Please cancel the sole figure and replace with this figure.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 7 to make the claims read as follows. The amendments are shown in the Appendix.

1. A rod coupling, comprising:

a tubular housing having a first end adapted for threaded connection to a rod in a downhole rod string and a second end adapted for threaded connection to a rod in a downhole rod string, the tubular housing having an interior surface defining a bore